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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- WRAP- UP REPORT

1. SUMMARY: EIGHTH NATO CCMS PLENARY WAS HOSTED BY CANADA IN OTTAWA APRIL 10-11, 1973. MEETING WAS SPONSORED BY CANADIAN MINISTERS OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ENVIRONMENT, AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. THE THREE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTRIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THEIR MINISTERS, AND ON ROAD SAFETY ITEM CANADIAN TRANSPORT MINISTER MADE SPECIAL PRESENTATION. US WAS REPRESENTED BY CEQ CHAIRMAN RUSSELL TRAIN. OTHER RANKING ATTENDEES WERE SIR ALAN COTTRELL (UK), AND STATE SECRETARY KRIEPS (LUXEMBOURG). SYG LUNS CHAIRED OPENING SESSION.

IN OPINION OF USDEL AND MANY DELEGATES, THIS PLENARY WAS MOST INFORMAL AND INVOLVED, MOST VIGOROUS GIVE- AND- TAKE TO DATE ON ISSUES CONFRONTING CCMS. THREE NEW PROJECTS WERE PROPOSED IN COURSE OF MEETING: TOXIC WASTES (FRG), STRATOSPHERIC AIRCRAFT POLLUTION (CANADA), AND GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR ENERGY (US). US INTRODUCED (IN CONJUNCTION WITH FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM) CONSENSUS TEXT OF ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR REDUCTION OF TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL AS WELL AS AUGMENTATION AND INTENSIFICATION OF NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PROGRAMS. RESOLUTION WAS IN GENERAL VERY FAVORABLY RECEIVED. IN ADDITION, U. S. ANNOUNCED ONGOING PLANS TO IMPLEMENT LOW POLLUTION POWER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (LPPSD) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INCLUDING HOLDING LPPSD CONFERENCE IN ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN IN FALL. UK ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD COMPLETE ITS ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT PILOT PLANT AT COLESHILL NEAR BIRMINGHAM BY FALL OF 1974. IN OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION IN CONFEDERATION ROOM, CANADIAN PARLIAMENT, NATO SYG LUNS STRONGLY ENDORSED CCMS WORK, AS DID CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SHARP, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DAVIS, CHAIRMAN TRAIN, AND OTHERS. PORTIONS OF SESSION WERE FILMED FOR BROADCAST ON CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEVISION DURING PRIME TIME EVENING APRIL 10. ESV AND LPPSD EXHIBIT AT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS OPENED BY CANADIANS AND U. S. APRIL 10. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT IN HOSTING CCMS PLENARY TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF CCMS ACTIVITIES IN NORTH AMERICA. CANADIAN ARRANGEMENTS AND HOSPITALITY FOR SESSION WERE EXCELLENT, AND DEMONSTRATED, AS CANADIAN DEPUTY ENVIRONMENT MINISTER SHAW NOTED TO USDEL, THAT GOC TAKES CCMS " VERY SERIOUSLY". IT WAS OPINION OF MOST REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING THAT

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ATMOSPHERE WAS GENERALLY RELAXED AND MOST DELEGATES INDICATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN HAVING HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS IN CANADA.

3. NATO SYG LUNS DELIVERED STRONG STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CCMS AT OPENING SESSION, AND WAS REPORTEDLY SO IMPRESSED BY NEW INTEREST EXPRESSED BY NATO COUNTRIES IN CCMS THAT HE INTENDS TO CHANGE A FORTHCOMING SPEECH IN AMSTERDAM TO DEAL MAINLY WITH CCMS ACTIVITIES IN NATO. USDEL FEELS THIS MAY REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH WITH LUNS AND WILL RESULT IN FURTHER SYG INTEREST IN FUTURE CCMS WORK.

4. OF PARTICULAR NOTE, WAS INCREASED INTEREST EXPRESSED BY DENMARK AND NORWAY IN ONGOING CCMS ACTIVITIES. ALTHOUGH DANISH AND NORWEGIAN DELEGATES NOTED DIFFICULTY IN SENDING EXPERTS TO ALL MEETINGS, THEY GAVE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT CCMS WOULD RECEIVE NEW ATTENTION IN THEIR SUBSTANTIVE MINISTRIES. NORWEGIAN DEL TOLD HODSOLL THAT NORWEGIAN DOE WOULD BE INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN CCMS. DANISH FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE (BODENHAG
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B. FRG PROPOSAL ON TOXIC WASTES: FRG STATED THAT ITS PROPOSED PILOT STUDY CONTEMPLATED UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF QUANTITIES OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE IN A GIVEN REGION AS WELL AS AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR WASTE DISPOSAL. FRG INTENDS TO CALL EXPERTS MEETING IN STUTTGART IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO DEVELOP PILOT STUDY PROPOSAL FURTHER FOR FORMAL PRESENTATION AT FALL PLENARY. US, UK, DENMARK, LUXEMBOURG, ITALY,
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NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL AND NORWAY ALL VOICED INTEREST IN PROJECT. FRG REP STATED FRG HAD INFORMED EC OF ITS INTENTION TO LAUNCH THIS NEW PILOT STUDY IN CCMS.

C. US PROPOSAL ON SOLAR AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY: CHAIRMAN TRAIN STATED US WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH ALLIES ON THIS PROPOSAL SHORTLY AFTER PLENARY. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT OUR PRELIMINARY THINKING WAS IN TERMS OF HAVING LINKED PROJECTS IN GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR ENERGY. THESE WOULD INVOLVE INFORMATION EXCHANGE, DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT. HE STATED THAT PERHAPS WORKING MEETINGS ON THESE SUBJECTS COULD BE ORGANIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY SOCIETY CONVENTION IN PARIS JULY 2-5. FRANCE, ITALY, GERMANY AND UK ALL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROPOSAL, AND ITALY STATED PRIVATELY IT WOULD LIKE TO CO- PILOT SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT.

D. INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION: US, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM JOINTLY PRESENTED TEXT OF INTERNATIONAL ROAD SAFETY RESOLUTION DEVELOPED AT FEBRUARY 26-27 PARIS ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP. CANADA AND GREECE GENERALLY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION; DENMARK, US, ITALY AND NORWAY SUPPORTED RESOLUTION WITH RESERVATION ON SPECIFIC PERCENTAGE GOAL OF REDUCING RATE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC FATALITIES PER 100 MILLION KILOMETERS. MR. BEGGS, ON BEHALF OF DOT, STATED HE HOPED WE COULD MAINTAIN STATISTICAL GOAL AS DEVICE TO ASSURE MAXIMUM RAPID PROGRESS TOWARDS INTENSIFYING AND AUGMENTING NATIONAL ROAD

SAFETY PROGRAMS. PRIOR TO PRESENTING RESOLUTION, US OUTLINED GENERAL TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF ROAD SAFETY PILOT STUDY. PILOT STUDY WAS GENERALLY AGREED BY ALL DELEGATES TO HAVE BEEN ONE OF CCMS' MOST SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISES. CANADIAN DEL TOLD USDEL THAT CANADIAN MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION APPEARED AT CCMS PLENARY DURING ROAD SAFETY ITEM SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE CANADA ATTACHED TO PROJECT AND RESPECT GOC HAD FOR ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

5. DURING CLOSED ROUND- TABLE SESSION, NATO ASYG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RANDERS DESCRIBED HIS CONTACTS WITH SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND IZVESTIA OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS. HE NOTED INCREASED INTEREST ON PART OF SOVIETS IN CCMS ACTIVITIES. US (EGEBERG) IN PRESENTATION ON ADVANCED HEALTH CARE PILOT STUDY RECALLED EARLIER CCMS INVITATION TO SOVIETS AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ONGOING HEALTH CARE PROJECTS, AND REMINDED DELEGATES OF PRELIMINARY IF NONCOMMITTAL INTEREST EXPRESSED BY SOVIETS IN WORK PROGRAM. LIVELY EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE OVER QUESTION OF SOVIET INTEREST IN PURSUING ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN ECE. ITALY AND BELGIUM THOUGHT SOVIETS WERE RELUCTANT TO BE FORTHCOMING IN ECE FORUM. FRG STATED IT FELT THIS RELUCTANCE WAS LINKED TO OUTCOME OF CSCE AND THAT IF THIS OUTCOME WERE FAVORABLE FROM SOVIET POINT OF VIEW, SOVIETS WOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN ECE.

6. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH SETTING OF DATES FOR FALL PLENARY IN BRUSSELS OCTOBER 23-24. ASYG RANDERS MADE STATEMENT (SUPPORTIVE OF US AND CANADIAN VIEWS) ENCOURAGING FUTURE PLENARIES OUTSIDE NATO HEADQUARTERS. DANISH REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT HE COULD SUPPORT SUCH MEETINGS. GERMAN DEL INDICATED THAT GERMANY WOULD NOT FAVOR THIS DEVELOPMENT AS THEY FOUND TRAVEL FROM BONN TO BRUSSELS MOST CONVENIENT FOR THEM. RANDERS WILL PROCEED ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD FUTURE PLENARIES OUTSIDE BRUSSELS.
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